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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

1. DURING INITIAL COURTESY CALL BY POL COUNSELOR ON RUDOFSKY, DIRECTOR MFA/IO, RUDOFSKY SPOKE OF DISTRESS FELT BY THE AUSTRIANS AT ABSENCE OF U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES FROM RECENT CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM HELD IN GENEVA. RUDOFSKY SAID HE UNDERSTANDS U.S. POSITION OF OPPOSING ANY EFFORT TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM, BUT FELT THAT BY REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE WHERE IT COULD CLEARLY STATE ITS POSITION, U.S. WAS REALLY PLAYING INTO HANDS OF THE SOVIET UNION. HE THEN ASKED HOW U.S. WOULD DEAL WITH THE CONFERENCE REPORT WHEN IT IS DISCUSSED AT THE APPROACHING UNGA.

2. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE WELL KNOWN BUT RUDOFSKY INSISTED THAT ABSENCE FROM THE CONFERENCE WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND ADDED THAT ONLY THE PRESENCE OF THE NEUTRALS PREVENTED THE FINAL REPORT FROM BEING UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT. RUDOFSKY'S OBSERVATIONS--WHICH REPRESENT A REACTION TO EMBASSY AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO GOA ON AUGUST 16 (VIENNA 7366 NOTAL)--ARE YET ANOTHER REFLECTION OF FACT THAT WHILE AUSTRIANS ARE VERY CLOSE TO US ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATED ISSUES, THEY

OFTEN PART COMPANY WITH US IN RESPECT OF TACTICS. AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WHAT GOA IS REALLY INTERESTED IN IS QUESTION OF HOW U.S. INTENDS TO DEAL WITH ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AT 1978 UNGA. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION, RUDOFSKY ALSO MADE MORE GENERAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE OVER-ALL U.S.G. ASSESSMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES AT UNGA. (WE ASSUME CUSTOMARY ANNUAL INSTRUCTION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.) BORG

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